THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 8th April 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have placed before the House as many as 35 questions besides a very heavy Agenda. Many hon. Members have already booked their berths and would like to leave the station by the Cochin Express this evening. I hope hon. Members will co-operate with me in seeing that the entire Agenda is gone through in time to enable hon. Members to leave Madras by 5-30 p.m."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The House is very thin and we can carry on."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is possible provided the hon. Member does not put too many supplementaries." (Laughter.)

Representation from the 'Satani' Community of Nellore for their inclusion in the list of Backward Communities.

* 380 *Q*.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have received representation from members of the 'Satani' community in Nellore inviting attention to the hardship caused to the school-going children of their community by omission of the name of their community in the latest list of Backward Communities and requesting re-inclusion of the name 'Satani' in the list; and if so, what action was taken by the Government on the representation?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes. The terms 'Satani' and 'Chattada Vaishnava' were originally in the list of Backward Classes but were omitted by Government as the community did not want to be known by these terms. 'Satanis' are eligible for fee concessions under rule 92, Madras Educational Rules, as they come under 'Chattada Sri Vaishnava' which finds a place in the list of Backward Classes. Instructions have been issued that fee concessions should not be denied to the children of the Satani community in Nellore district."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that when the Satani community of Nellore represented that they come under some other name than Satani they were told that

unless their name was explicitly included in the list of Backward Communities, their children will not be eligible for concession of school fees applicable to the Backward Communities?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The latest order is that the Director of Public Instruction has been requested to issue necessary instructions to educational authorities in Nellore district to see that educational concessions are not denied to children of the Satani community in the district."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" While thanking the Hon. the Minister for Education for the clarification that school-fee concessions will be given to children of the Satani community also, will he be pleased to extend the same kind of concessions to the sphere of recruitment to Government service also in respect of the same community?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot give any such assurance in this connexion."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Has this community ceased to be a Backward Community?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir, not at all."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the omission was due to inadvertance or due to any other cause? If the latter, what are the causes?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The community objected to the use of the term 'Satani' and 'Chattada Vaishnava'. Instead it wanted to be called as 'Chattada Sri Vaishnava'. This name is included in the list and what is done now is a clarification is made."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" Is any new list of Backward Communities being prepared?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No new list is prepared. Only clarifications have been made during the year."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" In the case of 'Satanis' of Nellore, school fees have been charged for a pretty long time. Will the Government in view of their recent orders refund the excess fee collected from the children?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter will be looked into in so far as it is possible and practicable."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" May I know whether instructions to extend the fee concessions to the Satani community in other districts also have been issued?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" This clarification has been made available to the whole Education Department."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" It appears in most places full fees have been collected. In view of the assurance of the Hon. the Minister for Education that the matter will be considered with respect to Nellore, may I know whether he will consider the case with respect to other districts also? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, this clarification holds good for the entire community in the whole State."

Nominations to the Cotton and Groundnut Marketing Committee, Guntakal.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri S. Narayanappa, who put the question, is not in his seat. So the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have nominated anybody to the Cotton and Groundnut Marketing Committee at Guntakal in Anantapur district ; and

(*b*) what are the recommendations of the Collector in this connexion?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The Government must with regret decline to reveal the recommendation of the Collector as it would not be in the public interest to do so."

Allegations against officials of the Lower Bhavani Project work.

* 382 *Q.*—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received a petition bringing to their notice serious allegations about manipulation of accounts by P.W.D. subordinates in respect of digging work of the Unjalur Distributary channel (Lower Bhavani Project work); and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) The matter is under investigation."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" அறிவிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும கேசில் சம்மந்தப்பட்டிருக்கும் தொகையின் மதிப்பு என்ன என்பதை சர்க்கார் சொல்லுமா ? "

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" He wants to know the amount involved in defalcation and misappropriation."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put."